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Title of the invention Transport Device for Transporting Test Elements in an

Analytical System

Earliest priority date claimed (Day/Month/Year): 23 December 2002 (23.12.02)

 This is a new International Application

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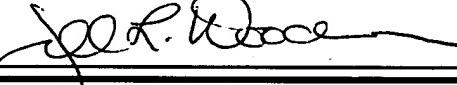
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/2003/014709	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 Dec 03 (22.12.03)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 Dec 02 (23.12.02)
TITLE OF INVENTION Transport Device for Transporting Test Strips in an Analytical System		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <u>Hans List, Jochen Schulat, Paul Jansen, Volker Zimmer, Michael Schabbach, Manfred Ausstein, Werner Ruhl, Hans-Peter Haar, Joachim Hoenes, Karl Miltner</u>		
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Total claims		33 - 20 =	13	x \$50	\$ 650
Independent claims		5 - 3 =	2	x \$200	\$ 400
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360	\$
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